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Arrest warrant out following 'violent attack'

CRIME Police now have an arrest warrant out for the suspect in what they call a "violent sexual attack" that happened in the city on the weekend.

Police are seeking Robert Gustave Dupuis, 35, on charges of aggravated sexual assault and forcible confinement following an attack at a home on Melbourne Avenue, near Churchill Avenue, on Aug. 2.



Staff-Sgt. John McGetrick said police are not releasing any other details about the incident to protect the investigation.

Dupuis is known to police. He is described as six-foot tall, weighing 250 pounds. He has a shaved head and may be wearing a bandana. He has brown eyes and tattoos on his upper arms, shoulders, chest and upper back.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944.

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Beijing Games Eye on the prize



Canada's David Ford paddles yesterday during a men's kayak singles practice session for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park, north of Beijing. More Olympics coverage, page 10.

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Police using 'cab cam' for investigation

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The seductive sounds of Rio

A man accused of killing, decapitating and eating the flesh of a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus shook his head and said, "Please kill me" yesterday when a judge asked him if he wanted a lawyer.

Vince Weiguang Li, 40, was otherwise silent, staring at the floor and swaying side to side with hands clenched as the prosecutor recounted the grisly details of the killing at a court hearing in Portage La Prairie, Man.

Judge Michel Chartier ordered Li to undergo psychiatric tests to see if he is fit to stand trial on second-degree murder charges.

Li's remark was barely audible but was repeated outside court by duty lawyer Randall Janis, who stood beside him during the proceedings.

Prosecutor Joyce Dalmyn said Li, who immigrated to Canada from China in 2001, stabbed to death



Vince Li

his sleeping seatmate, Tim McLean, in an unprovoked attack aboard the bus, which was rolling along the TransCanada Highway about an hour's drive west of Winnipeg.

She said there was no link between Li and McLean, who family and friends have said was a 22-year-old carnival worker returning to his Winnipeg home.

The bus stopped and other pas-

sengers fled. After a six-hour standoff, Li jumped out a window and was apprehended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Dalmyn said.

They found a severed ear, nose and mouth in a white plastic bag in his right front pant pocket, Dalmyn said.

Police said they believed Li had spent a brief period in a psychiatric facility, but Dalmyn said the stay had not been confirmed.

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Courtroom death plea

Accused in bus beheading ordered to undergo psychiatric tests

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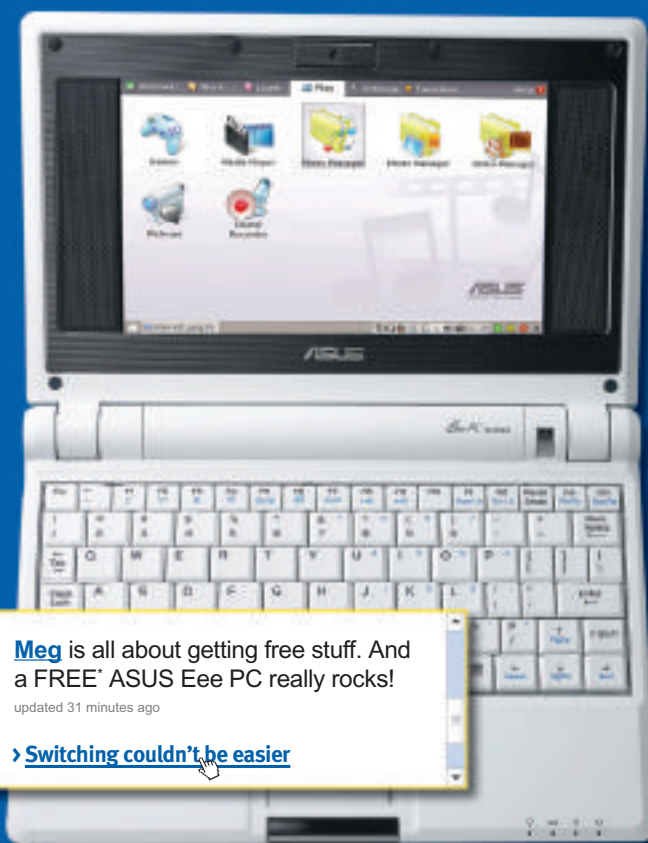




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Last-ditch petition before Games

Petitions bearing thousands of signatures will be delivered by Amnesty International Canada today at noon to the Chinese embassy in Ottawa, calling for the restoration of human rights before the start of the Olympic Games in Beijing. **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA**

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Ottawa



Follow your nose to Nunavut

Carleton University's Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre (GCRC) will receive \$200,000 over three years from the federal International Polar Year Training, Communications and Outreach Fund to create multimedia maps of Nunavut that include audio, video and even "smell" components. **CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

Groups, cops split on paths' safety

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Two groups that administer patrol programs along Ottawa's recreational pathways say the trails are still safe, despite a weekend sexual assault on a bike path.

"Yes, we consider it to be still safe," said Pathway Patrol co-ordinator Andy Wilson. "Five hundred thousand people use the trail systems each year. As far as the ratios go, odds are on the better side of things."

A city-run program, Pathway Patrol has 48 volunteers who work during daylight hours to ensure pathways are safe in areas including Andrew Haydon Park, Britannia Park, LeBreton Flats and along the Ottawa River Parkway, said Wilson.

A 30-year-old female jogger was dragged off a path near the Lincoln Fields transit station on Saturday night and sexually assaulted and beaten, not far from where 39-year-old Pamela Kosmack's beaten and half-naked body was found near Britannia Park in June.

"Incidents like this are isolated, but we take it seriously," said National Capital Commission spokeswoman Chantal Comeau. The NCC has patrollers along its 170-kilometre Capital Pathway System around the clock.

Still, Ottawa Police Staff Sergeant John McGetrick urges path users to be "vigilant on the pathways."

"Are the pathways safe? In certain areas, I would say no," said McGetrick, who works of the Sexual Assault Unit. "We've had enough incidents this year where I'd be concerned."

He recommends women never travel alone and always take safety measures.

The NCC has a cellphone loan program setup at the information centre across from Parliament Hill, at the Aviation Museum and at three locations in Gatineau.

Meanwhile, police have set up a tip line in relation to Saturday's assault at 613-236-1222, ext. 5760.



The security cameras mounted above the rearview mirror in most city taxis offer little comfort to driver Tony Azzi, who would prefer that a protective shield be installed. Police for the first time are using footage from newly installed "cab cams" to investigate a criminal incident in a city taxi.

Cab cams get first test

Drivers still skeptical as police use tape to probe crime

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Yesterday, taxi driver Joseph Khorr had a person run out on a \$10 fare.

Despite just having had a city-mandated security camera installed in his taxi, Khorr doubts the images will be used to catch someone who stiffed him, even though he reported it to authorities.

"It's not good enough that he stole from me. Maybe next time he'll stab somebody and they'll do something about it," said a frustrated Khorr, whose camera cost him \$800 to install.

stall.

The cab cams will be a waste of money if they're not used properly, said Khorr.

But bylaw officials and police say the new cameras are already beginning to do their jobs, which Linda Anderson, Ottawa's enforcement and inspections manager, sees long-term as deterrence.

"As people became aware of the cameras and their photographs being taken, the rate of crimes occurring in cabs and against drivers drops drastically," she said.

Police for the first time used a cab cam to download images of a suspect after a

Select viewing

- The city's taxi drivers' union only agreed to the cameras after Ottawa Police ensured their release of footage would be restricted to officers conducting criminal investigations.

driver was robbed late last Thursday.

Security cameras were supposed to be installed in all 1,094 licensed cabs as of Aug. 2, but so far they've been placed in just under 1,000 of them. That was bad news for one camera-less cabbie who, on Aug. 3 — the day after the dead-

line — had a knife held to his neck during an early morning holdup.

The city has promoted the cab cams as a boost to driver and passenger security, but some drivers question that. One driver said yesterday that shields are needed to protect operators from harm in the first place, rather than cameras to identify suspects after the damage is done.

"You could have 70 cameras in the cab, that's not going to help me when I'm dead," driver Tony Azzi said yesterday. "If someone wants to stab you, they'll do it. A camera won't stop him."

Hasty highway U-turn blamed for fatal morning crash

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Infractions

- Police said neither driver was wearing a seatbelt.

A simple shoulder check might have saved the life of a 57-year-old Gatineau man, who died in a highway crash near Cantley yesterday morning.

Just before 7 a.m., a Gatineau man driving a car northbound had pulled over onto the shoulder of Highway 307, a two-lane highway, near Pink Road "and decided to do a U-

to hit the brakes, said Fournel.

"It was too late. The SUV collided with the car on the driver's door."

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was taken to Gatineau hospital where he was pronounced dead. Police are withholding his name pending notification of next of kin.

The driver and sole occupant of the SUV, a man from Denholm, was treated for minor injuries. Witnesses reported the driver did

not signal before pulling onto the road from the shoulder.

Although collisions are uncommon on the two-lane highway, where the posted speed limit is 70, they are up in MRC des Collines territory this year.

"We've already had 11 deaths this year," said Fournel. Normally, the 2,000 square-kilometre territory, which includes seven municipalities and six major highways, sees five to seven fatalities a year.

Tourist train running out of steam

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The Hull-Chelsea-Wakefield Steam Train will be idle for about a year.

Already parked after a springtime landside near to its track, officials now say the train needs an estimated \$4 million worth of urgent repairs to its infrastructure in order to keep on chugging.

"The railway is not functioning right now," said Luc Bouvier, a director from the mayor's office in Gatineau.

Officials will try to have the train up and running for July 2009.

The most important repairs are the \$4 million fix for the bridge and culverts, he said, but other needed repairs are expected to cost more than \$5 million.

Gatineau owns the rail line along with two other municipalities, Chelsea and La Pêche.

They will be petitioning the federal and provincial governments for financial aid to complete the repairs, Bouvier said.

Bouvier said the train is important for local tourism and bringing in visitors and money to the Outaouais.

News in brief

MISSING Provincial police took their search for a missing Nepean man to the air after the discovery of a damaged rental car near Highway 511 early yesterday morning. Police used a helicopter and canine unit to search the Perth area for Silvio Donatucci, 31, who was reported missing by family members. There were indications the person travelling in the vehicle was injured.

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Chalk one up for temporary

CityScapes

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We live in a world where everything seems to be disposable or temporary.

From fashion trends to websites that constantly change to computers and cars, nothing lasts forever. And earlier this week, I learned that same attitude has also spread to Renaissance and Baroque art.

Francois Pelletier works fervently on a detail of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. It's been days of painstaking work, but the 27-year-old Embrun resident is unfazed that something as inevitable as a rain-fall could take it all away.

If you're ever in the By-Ward Market, you've probably seen him sometime over the past 11 years, hunched over a drawing outside Sugar Mountain on William Street.

"As long as the crowd has enjoyed it, the rain can take it away and I don't care."

Francois Pelletier

"Some people call me the Mona Lisa Guy," grinned Pelletier. "But I haven't done a Mona Lisa in seven years."

Perhaps that speaks about the impact of his work.

Using soft pastels and chalk, Pelletier recreates famous pieces, from Michelangelo to the Dutch painter Vermeer, which the public instantly recognizes. While reproducing the work of the masters might be a daunting task for many, the self-taught artist embraces it. He loves the joy people get

Embrun chalk artist Francois Pelletier works on a detail of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel on Sparks Street during the recent Buskerfest.

out of seeing a well-known piece.

Besides, he said, "there's always a little bit of your own fingerprint in it."

I caught up with Pelletier, who recently switched up his venue for Buskerfest at the Sparks Street Mall.

Before beginning, he marks a grid into the ground to keep the proportions right. "I sit so close that it's hard for

my eyes to grasp it."

He assigns me a square and shows me how to layer on the colours — pink, yellow and white — to create a warm flesh tone. The key is not to blend it all together.

"You're rubbing too much," he said. "Instead of making one colour that's a mix of all the colours, you want to be able to

see all the colours, one on top of the other. It fools the eye into thinking that it's paint."

Cracks and lines in the ground become a part of the piece, giving it character and originality.

While spectators — especially regulars, who return to check on his progress — give him energy to keep working, there are downsides to the medium. Because it takes days to complete one piece, he works in 12- to 16-hour stretches, often in extreme heat. Kneeling on the ground for hours takes a toll on his back.

It pains me to think the drawings won't be there for long and I tell him so. But it doesn't bother Pelletier.

"A lot of people ask me if I feel sad when it washes away," he said. "But when I draw, it's just as much about the process as the result."

"As long as the crowd has enjoyed it, the rain can take it away and I don't care."

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City roads weather weekend well

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Drivers in the Ottawa area — for the most part — behaved themselves over the long weekend.

Provincial police here reported a peaceful weekend on Ottawa area highways, laying one impaired driving charge and issuing 105 tickets, while across Ontario their counterparts laid at least 5,000 charges, including 500 under the new "street racing" law.

"We're pretty happy with the outcome of the weekend," said Ottawa Ontario Provincial Police Constable Eric Booth. "We did get one impaired driver, which is relatively low compared with the number we apprehended overall."

Most tickets were for failing to wear a seatbelt or for speeding, including one person who was travelling 151 kilometres per hour in a 100 kph zone.

Officers also responded to 101 calls for service, including nine collisions.

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A Canadian couple is seeking to sell the rights to the defunct luxury auto-maker Packard along with a high-end prototype car, with the hopes of resurrecting the legendary brand. They are asking \$1.5 million for the name and trademark that dates back to 1902. **REUTERS**

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Dr. Steven Laviolette of the University of Western Ontario speaking about manipulating receptors affected by cigarettes.



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Surveillance amuses MacNeil

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Metro Canada

The RCMP may have thought of her as someone to be watched, but Rita MacNeil didn't think of herself as a threat.

It was revealed yesterday the singer from Big Pond, Cape Breton, was among the women the force kept an eye on while monitoring feminist rallies and the women's movement in the 1970s.

"It's strange. All I did was sing my songs. That was it. That was my part," MacNeil said.

"I am sure if I was under surveillance it had to be all of us under surveillance. I can only say I don't know why."

The Juno winner found out only recently the



It was recently revealed the RCMP had singer Rita MacNeil under surveillance during the 1970s.

Mounties had compiled information on her time spent with the Toronto Women's Caucus.

"I meet some of those ladies today after my

shows in different part of this country and they all have grey hair like me now. We just talk about the time we had and the interesting moments it

brought to our lives — I didn't know it would bring in the RCMP as well."

MacNeil said she got involved after being reluctantly brought to a meeting by a friend. The more she learned, the more interested she became — and eventually began writing songs about the movement.

"I find it strange why it made such a big splash."

MacNeil said she might check out what else the RCMP gathered on her.

"I might learn a few things I didn't know about. God knows, I might have a split personality," she added. "I should be under surveillance now because I just did a children's CD, and they should be watching those Big Pond concerts — that's all I can tell you."

Critics call McGuinty tax review a 'sham'

HEALTH Ontario's controversial health premium is being reviewed but the process is a "sham" because Premier Dalton McGuinty has already decided the tax is here to stay, critics said yesterday.

That makes it unlikely Ontarians will see any changes to the levy, despite pleas from several municipalities that it be amended so that thousands of their workers no longer get the premium covered by taxpayers.

"The problem is this is a sham of a process," Progressive Conservative MPP Tim Hudak said after a brief three-hour legislative committee hearing into the tax yesterday, accusing the premier of putting "his hands over his ears."



Premier Dalton McGuinty

The review that began yesterday is legally required under the 2004 legislation that created the health premium of up to \$900 per person, which raised nearly \$3 billion this year. It was passed less than a year after McGuinty's election promise not to raise taxes without a referendum. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Vancouver H&M braces for 'nurse-in'

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RIGHTS Breastfeeding advocates are holding a "nurse-in" at a Vancouver clothing store tomorrow after a new mother said she was told to stop nursing and move to a private changing room.

The company however said the incident was a misunderstanding and that the fitting room was offered only out of courtesy to make it easier and more comfortable for the nursing woman.

"I was upset and com-

Breastfeeding leads to dispute

- Valle was breastfeeding, when a clerk came up and allegedly told her that the feeding was making customers uncomfortable and asked that she move to a private fitting room to continue. Valle claimed the clerk, and later a manager, told her it was the store's policy.
- The "nurse-in" will be held inside the H&M tomorrow between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

pletely humiliated," said Manuela Valle, 34, a PhD student in women's and gender studies at the University of B.C., who said she planned to file a human rights complaint yesterday.

Laura Shankland, a spokeswoman for H&M Canada, said the fitting

room was offered only to make Valle more comfortable.

"We allow — of course — women to breastfeed in our stores," Shankland said. "It's certainly not our policy to disallow that ... we've really apologized and again we can only apologize."

Hammer attack suspect in court

VANCOUVER A man accused of hitting nine people with a hammer during a random violent rampage on a downtown street in Vancouver is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

Khalid Alzghoul, 31, of Vancouver is facing 17 charges in connection with the assault spree on one of the city's busiest streets Sunday night.

The bizarre attacks occurred hours after the

city's popular Pride parade as thousands of onlookers and partygoers were milling about on Davie Street. A man ran from

stores to clubs, hitting men and women with a hammer until bystanders tackled the suspect to the ground.

Police did not disclose the motive, but the hate crime unit is looking into possible links to homophobia. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

FUEL COSTS The mayor of the northern Manitoba town of Churchill is asking the provincial government to help his community cope with gas prices that have soared to \$1.99 a litre. Mayor Mike Spence would like the provincial government to subsidize fuel, which has hovered near \$2 a litre in Churchill since February.

B.C. SHOOTING Homicide investigators are canvassing Chilliwack, B.C., following a fatal shooting early yesterday morning that left one man dead and two people injured. Police have no suspects.

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'Bullet-proof bras'

Thousands of German police women will receive what media have labelled "bullet-proof bras." Made of white cotton and featuring the word "Polizei" (Police) along the seam, the bras are meant to better protect police women who wear bullet-proof vests. **REUTERS**

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World/Business

Torch arrives in Beijing amid tight security

Quake-ravaged Sichuan also visited by Olympic flame

The Olympic torch arrived in China's capital yesterday after a jubilant reception in the quake-ravaged southwest, as Beijing tries to choreograph a happy ending to its troubled international tour.

Beijing's residents have been warned they will face sweeping security to prevent any more trouble — and bad publicity — on the last leg of the tour ahead of Friday's opening ceremony.

"This is the pride of the Chinese people," worker Xu

"This is the pride of the Chinese people."

Xu Min, worker

Min said amid cheering crowds watching the flame in Chengdu, capital of quake-hit Sichuan province where 70,000 people died in May.

But far to the northwest, questions about dissent and China's human rights record refused to go away, after suspected Islamist sep-

arartists killed 16 policemen on Monday in what a senior local Communist Party official called a "terrorist attack." Riot police flooded the streets in the old Silk Road city of Kashgar and stopped cars. Exiled dissident groups said many local Muslims had been rounded up, and some beaten. Japan protested after police also beat up two of its journalists there.

The government and Olympics chiefs shrugged off the attack, assuring

10,500 athletes from 205 countries they would be safe.

The last leg of the Olympic torch's mammoth 130-day tour starts at Beijing's Forbidden City today, before being taken round landmarks like Tiananmen Square.

In a tradition introduced before the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the flame is lit from the sun's rays in ancient Olympia, Greece, then carried across the globe.

REUTERS

Business

Incoming CEO brings glamour to the Bay

STYLE The new head of Canada's oldest department store chain, Bonnie Brooks, will bring a sense of fashion, style and glamour to the job, observers say.

With 30 years' fashion industry experience, including stints at Holt Renfrew, the now defunct women's specialty chain Dylex and Flare magazine, Brooks completes a powerful triumvirate under HBC's new owners.

"She's going to be very, very good for the Bay," said Toronto-based retail consultant Len Kubas, noting

the previous owner of HBC, the late Jerry Zucker, was an engineer with no retail experience. "She will bring a level of class or style that may not have been at the Bay before," he said.

Brooks leaves a huge job in Asia where she was president of Lane Crawford Joyce Group, a 500-store luxury fashion retailer referred to as "the Harrods of Hong Kong."

Brooks has indicated one of her main tasks would be attracting more prestige brands to the Bay.

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Brooks

Gotti Jr. faces drug, murder charges

CRIME John "Junior" Gotti, the accused Mafia boss who beat federal charges three times by having cases end in mistrials, was indicted yesterday on conspiracy charges including murder and cocaine trafficking.

A judge denied Gotti bail after federal authorities arrested him at his Long Island home on suspicion of conspiracy to traffic cocaine and murder three men between 1988 and 1991. The indictment was unsealed in Tampa, Florida, and Gotti may face trial there.

REUTERS



John Gotti Jr.

South Korea Cloning a Booger



American Bernann McKinney holds one of five cloned puppies, the offspring of her late bull terrier Booger, upon her first meeting with them at the Seoul National University Hospital for Animals in Seoul, South Korea yesterday. South Korean company RNL Bio announced that the firm successfully cloned McKinney's pet and was commencing its world-wide dog cloning services.

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News in brief

STORM Tropical Storm Edouard plowed into a wildlife refuge on the upper Texas coast early yesterday, bringing driving rains and peak winds near 105 km/h, but leaving key

energy installations mostly unscathed. Edouard was just below hurricane strength when it came ashore at the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, forecasters said.

ENVIRONMENT A crowd of gorillas has survived in the northern part of the Republic of Congo — so many that environmentalists can double population estimates, according to a report

released yesterday. A new census tallied more than 125,000 western lowland gorillas in an 47,000-square-kilometer area, the Wildlife Conservation Society reported.

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Denver Broncos wide receiver Brandon Marshall was suspended for a violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy. The league issued a statement yesterday, which said Marshall is penalized without pay for the first three regular-season games in 2008. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Boller gets start in opener

Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh announced that veteran Kyle Boller, left, will be the starting quarterback for the team's preseason opener against the New England Patriots tomorrow in Foxboro. Boller is competing against former Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and rookie first-round pick Joe Flacco for the starting job.

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Jays wisely turned down Bay deal

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These would have been Bay Days for the Blue Jays had the club's decision-makers been willing to relinquish their top two prospects last week.

Front-office sources with the Pittsburgh Pirates told Metro yesterday that, before MLB's July 31 trade deadline, they made a two-for-one proposal in which they would have dealt Canadian all-star **Jason Bay** to Toronto for minor-leaguers **Travis Snider** and **Brett Cecil**.

The Jays mulled it over and declined. Snider is a

power-hitting outfielder/first baseman. Cecil is a left-handed pitcher. Baseball America ranks the two as the Jays' most promising minor-leaguers.

Bay, a B.C. native, wound up in the Boston Red Sox' outfield as part of a three-way deal that sent the Pirates prospects and the Los Angeles Dodgers all-star outfielder **Manny Ramirez**.

Bay has excelled with Boston so far. He entered last night with six runs and a .315 average in 16 at-bats.

• Not that Ramirez has been slouching in LA. He entered last night with a .615 average and five runs batted in after 13 at-bats. And I'm sensing an all-L.A. World Series in October — the Dodgers and the Angels.

• The Stampeders and their fans are still fuming about their one-point loss to the Roughriders in Calgary

Saturday night, partly because the officials mistakenly ejected linebacker **Jojuan Armour** after the game's second defensive snap and partly because some Saskatchewan fans in attendance refused to abide by the moment of silence devoted to ex-CFLer **Leif Petersen**.

But it's the undefeated Riders who have filed an official complaint against Calgary, demanding league executives review what they considered an illegal, horse-collar tackle by the Stamps' **Brandon Browner** on the Riders' **Carl Berman**.

Should be an interesting rematch in Regina tomorrow, with Armour vowing that Rider running back **Wes Cates** won't come close to the 139 yards he gained last week.

• The Beijing Olympics will enable a Canadian web-

site to become the world's first social networking company to make measurable income for sponsors.

"Online companies have long been trying to prove to sponsors that they can make money," said **Shawn Saraga**, president of www.freemyteam.com, the all-sports version of Facebook, "but we'll actually be proving it once and for all, without doubt."

The lowdown: Users can sign on at freemyteam.com, enter a code and collect \$10 off at a Shoeless Joe's restaurant.

"Watch the Olympics there and cheer on our athletes," Saraga said. "It's a win-win. Shoeless Joe's makes money and our users save money."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Favre feels unwanted by Pack

NFL Brett Favre's fears that the Green Bay Packers were reluctant to take him back intensified yesterday when team coach Mike McCarthy opened the way for a possible trade by questioning the quarterback's "mindset". Favre



A day earlier, the NFL officially reinstated Favre following the 38-year-old's decision to make a comeback just a few months after announcing his retirement at the end of last season.

Favre met with McCarthy before leaving Lambeau Field prior to the team's afternoon practice session, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on its website. **REUTERS**

SCOREBOARD

MLB	Atlanta at San Francisco	Washington at Colorado, 9:05
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	TODAY'S GAMES	CFL
AMERICAN LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	WEEK 7
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Cleveland at Tampa Bay	Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 3:35	Toronto at Hamilton, 7
N.Y. Yankees at Texas	Minnesota at Seattle, 4:40	Calgary at Saskatchewan, 10
Boston at Kansas City	Oakland at Toronto, 7:07	FRIDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Chicago White Sox	N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05	Montreal at Winnipeg, 7:30
Baltimore at L.A. Angels	Boston at Kansas City, 8:10	Edmonton at B.C., 10:30
Minnesota at Seattle	Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:11	
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Chicago Cubs 11 Houston 7	Houston at Chicago Cubs, 2:20	LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
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Yankees' Chamberlain has shoulder woes

New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain left in the fifth inning of Monday's 9-5 loss to the Texas Rangers with a stiff right shoulder. The club did not reveal the results of the MRI, but has made plans for Chamberlain to visit Dr. James Andrews in Alabama. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

sports **9****Rapidz come back to beat Skyhawks**

BASEBALL The Ottawa Rapidz scored twice in the bottom of the ninth to steal a 4-3 victory over the Sussex Skyhawks last night at Rapidz Stadium. The come-from-behind win was the first for the Rapidz this year while trailing after eight innings.

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Sports in brief

MLB The Arizona Diamondbacks have reached an agreement on a two-year contract extension with pitcher Dan Haren.

MLB Kansas City Royals pitcher Zack Greinke and catcher Miguel Olivo were each suspended five games by Major League Baseball for their roles in a series of incidents during Sunday's 14-3 win over the Chicago White Sox.

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Blue Jays rally late to top A's

Unlikely hero Mench hits walkoff single to complete Toronto comeback

BLUE JAYS 4 ATHLETICS 3

It was déjà vu for B.C.'s Scott Richmond in his second major-league start.

Once again, the Blue Jays rookie starter allowed three runs in just under six innings of work. Once more, he dribbled out hits, but didn't concede any big innings. Once again, he got a standing ovation from the crowd as he left.

But this time there was no tip of the cap. After a week in the big leagues, Richmond has loftier goals than just surviving.

It wasn't to be a first major-league win. When he left, the Jays trailed by one. But a stirring ninth-inning rally by the Toronto offence at least spared Richmond the loss.

Entering the final frame, the Jays had managed only four hits against the Oakland staff.

Alex Rios kicked things off with a leadoff single. With one out, Rod Bar-



Toronto Blue Jays' Kevin Mench (hidden) is mobbed by team mates after he hit a walk off single to beat the Oakland Athletics in last night's game. Toronto won 4-3.

jas's double to the wall in left-centre tied the game at 3-3. Adam Lind, who already had an RBI triple to his credit, was intentionally walked by Oakland closer Huston Street. Scott

Rolen's soft groundout advanced the runners to second and third.

That left the heroics to Kevin Mench. The burly fringe player knocked Street's first pitch into left

field, scoring pinch-runner Brad Wilkerson to give Toronto a 4-3 walkoff win.

Mench got the plaudits, but the game was saved in the top of the eighth. In

that frame, shortstop John McDonald robbed Oakland of vital insurance runs on what may have been the best defensive play by a Jay this year.

With the bases loaded and none out, Mark Ellis hit a soft, sinking liner that should have dribbled into left for a two-run single. McDonald covered acres of ground, leapt at full extension, snared the ball and swivelled. His throw caught a disbelieving Emil Brown standing slack-jawed 20 feet off second. The defensive gem brought all 23,580 on hand spontaneously to their feet.

One batter later, Jack Hannahan grounded out to third. The A's took nothing from the sparkling opportunity.

The result will surely hearten Richmond, who has twice pitched well enough to win since first arriving here only a few days ago.

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Russian race walker Vladimir Kanaikin tested positive for the banned drug EPO and has been suspended. He is the seventh athlete to be thrown off the Russian team in the past week. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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Olympic torch arrives

The Olympic torch arrived in China's capital yesterday after a jubilant reception in the quake-ravaged southwest.

"This is the pride of the Chinese people," worker Xu Min said amid cheering crowds watching the flame in Chengdu, capital of quake-hit Sichuan province where 70,000 people died in May.

But far to the northwest, questions about dissent and China's human rights record refused to go away, after suspected Islamist separatists killed 16 policemen on Monday in what a senior local Communist Party official called a "terrorist attack."

The government and Olympics chiefs shrugged off the attack, assuring 10,500 athletes from 205 countries they would be safe. The International Olympic Committee also tried to reassure visitors and athletes that the smog would not pose major health problems.

But not everyone was convinced. Members of the U.S. cycling squad arrived at Beijing's new airport terminal yesterday wearing respiratory masks. The IOC's medical chief said the masks were unnecessary, and the U.S. Olympic Committee urged the Chinese not to take offence.

"It was in no way intended to be disrespectful," said spokesman Darryl Seibel.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

CYCLING Portuguese Olympic cyclist Sergio Paulinho, silver medallist in Athens, has dropped out of Beijing because of a respiratory problem, coach Jose Poeira said yesterday.

HOCKEY Australia's Fiona Johnson has been ruled out of the women's hockey at the Beijing Games with a hamstring injury, a team official said yesterday.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

END IN SIGHT? Canada's track and field team has been shut out from medalling since 1996, but the drought could end this month. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

2 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

High hopes for kayaker

Adam van Koeverden expected to medal in K-1 500 and 1,000 metres

MARTY YORK
Metro Canada

If you're Canadian, and you'd like to see your country capture a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing this month, you ought to focus your attention on the man with the six-syllable name: Adam van Koeverden.

He's a kayaker from Oakville, Ont. And he's easily your best bet.

"The guy is definitely the stud of the Canadian Olympic team," says The Toronto Star's Olympic expert, Randy Starkman. "No one's got a track record like him going into the Games — Olympic champion, world champion, winner of five of six World Cups this season, newly minted record holder. This guy thrives under pressure. He's a favourite for the podium in both



Kayaker Adam van Koeverden, 26, was recently named as Canada's flag-bearer.

the K-1 500 and 1,000 metres."

Van Koeverden also was named Canada's flag-bearer for the opening ceremonies in Beijing.

And unlike other athletes selected in the past as Canada's flag-bearer, van Koeverden isn't bristling or suggesting the notion of carrying his country's colours could be detrimental to his success. He's actually embracing the opportunity.

"It's a great honour," he

said. "I just hope I don't let anybody down."

He hasn't done much letting down in recent years. He won the gold medal in the men's K-1 500 metres at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. And he believes that, at 26, he's in even better physical condition now. And he also thinks he knows what to expect from his competition.

No Canadian in any sport has had more success than van Koeverden heading toward the Beijing Games.

He's won five of six World Cup races this summer — he won a bronze in the other — and all the events had him competing against the world's top kayakers. He raised his career total to 21 victories. Fact is, he's never been beaten in the 500-metre competition.

"That means people will be formulating their racing and training plans in an effort to beat me," van Koeverden acknowledged, "but I'm cool with that. I

"I recognize there's a lot of work I need to do. I need to get better at certain things."

Adam van Koeverden

think it's wonderful to be that guy...

"At the same time, I recognize there's a lot of work I need to do. I need to get better at certain things. I'm trying to improve."

That he has reached this point is remarkable in itself. By his own admission, he is not a natural athlete. It was only because he couldn't master any team sport that he started kayaking at age 13.

"I can't really dribble a basketball or kick a soccer ball," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I was a natural athlete. I have good pain tolerance and my endurance is good. I'm a good runner. But I used to feel weird in gym class because I wasn't good at any team sports, and I felt inferior to the kids who were."

So he turned to kayaking, where he clearly gives Canada its best gold-medal hope in Beijing.

Vancouver learning from China

From the laptop locks for reporters at the main press centre to the bus schedules and marketing schemes, Vancouver 2010 chief John Furlong is leaving nothing to chance. This is Vancouver's last opportunity to watch how the Olympics are done before the curtain comes down on the Beijing opera and the spotlight turns to British Columbia.

Furlong and 37 others from the Vancouver Organizing Committee are patrolling every nook and cranny of Beijing, learning everything they possibly can about the last Olympics that will be held prior to the Winter Games of 2010.

"Jacques Rogge (the IOC president) was in Vancouver a while back and he told us, 'The weight will

"We have to be unique and special and spectacular in our own way."

John Furlong

fall very swiftly on your shoulders. Every minute, every day, every word you say will be written about, analyzed and editorialized. Just like that."

Furlong said facilities for the media are top of his mind.

"This is how the rest of the world comes face to face with the Olympics," he said. "The press centre and the broadcast centres are very important to us."

Furlong has noted the issues with fraudulent ticket sales in Australia as tickets for Vancouver will start be-

ing sold Oct. 3. He also expects to hear questions from IOC about the recent landslide that closed the highway between Vancouver and Whistler.

Furlong said there were considerably more Vancouver organizers in Turin for the Winter Games because there was more to learn. But it still will cost \$600,000 to have 2010 officials stationed in China for the Summer Games, which start Friday.

Almost all the venues that will be used for the Vancouver-Whistler Games, including the new speed-skating oval in Richmond, are finished. Organizers want everything ready as early as they can so all the venues will be fully tested, and so Canadian athletes can start learning the nu-



A man walks through the Olympic Green in Beijing yesterday.

ances of the various facilities to aid Canada's quest to finish first in the medal standings come 2010.

Asked if he's scared about following what everyone so far thinks is the best organized Games they've seen, Furlong said he's relying on the character of Canadians to make a big impression come February 2010.

"We have to be unique and special and spectac-

lar in our own way," he said.

As much as he's impressed with the park at the north end of the Olympic Green in north Beijing — "it's three times the size of Stanley Park, with lakes and streams and rare trees; it's magnificent" — and with the sparkling venues, Furlong is anxious to see how the Chinese react if and when something goes wrong. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Automotive

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Acura sticks to roots

TSX adds more appeal without losing its athletic tradition

BILL MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada



While the 2009 version of Acura's TSX offers a lot more room, comfort, features and technology than before, it has managed to stay true to its predecessor's image of a light, nimble and athletic sport sedan.

The design looks more evolutionary than revolutionary. A wider, bolder stance certainly gives it a sportier flavour but it also sits on a longer 2705 mm wheelbase (a 35 mm stretch over the outgoing model).

Overall, its body is slightly longer than before and wider too — all of which translates into a generous driver-oriented interior with more hip room and shoulder space.

The new look is dominated up front by a chiseled 'signature' grille, sharp elongated headlamps and bold fender flares.

The overall shape is clean and crisp, with strong character lines helping to shape the side surfaces.

But what is really seen in the new look is a clue to Acura's future styling direction for its sedans.

A lighter, stiffer body, coupled with revisions to the front and rear suspension, brings a noticeable increase in agility, along with a flatter, more controlled ride, improved high-speed stability and reduced road noise.

The 201 horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine brings improved perform-



The 2009 Acura TSX

2009 Acura TSX

Type: Mid-size 5-pass. sedan
FWD
Price: \$34,200 - \$39,000
Engine: 2.4L I4 DOHC
HP: 201 @ 7,000 rpm
Torque: 172 @ 4,400 rpm

Highlights

- Ride smoothness and quietness
- Interior comfort
- Handling agility
- Sharp-edged athletic styling

ance. Though the power output is actually down a tad from the '08 model, its useable power comes across a much wider rpm range, while a titch more torque further strengthens pulling power at middle rpm levels.

This allows more response off the line and out of corners while maintaining its strength in the rpm range where the engine operates most of the time.

Two transmissions are



A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

available: a standard six-speed manual with revised ratios for better performance and an available five-speed automatic with a new lock-up torque converter assembly, steering wheel-mounted F1-style paddle shifters, and intelligent features such as Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold Control, which makes driving on hilly or winding roads more en-

joyable.

The manual is more fun, naturally, but the automatic is well suited to the engine's traits too.

A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

Standard features on the \$34,200 base model include a sunroof, seven-

speaker sound system, dual-zone climate control, power (heated) eight-way driver and four-way front passenger seats.

Moving up a notch, a mid-range \$36,200 (with manual) Premium Package adds leather seats, XM Radio, automatic headlight, two-position memory driver seat and digital media auxiliary USB jack with iPod/iPhone compatibility. HID headlamps and fog lights improve functionality and add style.

For those with top-end tastes, the \$39,000 TSX Technology Package adds a 10-speaker surround sound system with DVD-audio and also includes a satellite nav system with bilingual voice recognition and a rearview back-up camera.

There's no doubt the new TSX comes with lots of added appeal — enough to satisfy its loyal followers and tempt those who before might not have considered it.

Driving around bikes

Rising fuel costs have encouraged soaring cycle use — so we are seeing bicyclists on the roads with many different levels of experience.

This can be a problem for drivers; we need to take extra care to judge their speed — as well as the road and weather conditions — from the new biker's point of view.

Remember too that some bike riders, particularly younger ones, have never driven a car, and so don't recognize the problems that they can cause car drivers. In an accident involving a car and a cyclist, whoever is to blame the cyclist will always be the more vulnerable to a serious injury.

Sharing the road

To help prevent potential conflict here are a few pointers to bear in mind:

- Bike riders don't have steel armour round them like drivers do. Passing them at speed within a foot of their elbow may feel perfectly safe from where you are, but it is very disconcerting when you are the cyclist.
- In traffic, make sure you don't cut off a biker who is about to pass you on the inside. Don't try to cut across a cyclist when you need to turn right at an intersection. Wait behind the cyclist until the he/she has either turned right or passed the cross street.
- Park with care and don't open any door until you're sure there is no cyclist coming up on either side.



Ford Focus

Focus most improved, study says

Amid all the current auto industry gloom, a ray of sunshine has emerged for the Ford Motor Co.

Its Focus is the most improved vehicle in the industry's top study measuring customer-pleasing design, content, and vehicle performance.

In J.D. Power and Associates 2008 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study, the Focus raised its score over last year by 88 index points — the biggest improvement in the industry.

The compact Focus performed better than the seg-

ment average in every category, scoring especially well in the areas of fuel economy, audio/entertainment, interior and exterior styling.

Its appeal to buyers bears out in the marketplace: Focus retail sales in the U.S. are up 64 per cent year-to-date (five per cent in Canada)

while industry-wide retail sales of small cars are up 10 per cent.

In response, Ford is increasing Focus production at its assembly plant in Wayne, Mich., where a third shift will be added to the plant's body and paint shops in September.

Business-travel blues

According to a survey by the National Business Travelers' Association, more than two-thirds of Canadian business travellers paid more for hotel stays in 2007 than in the previous year, while 40 per cent experienced car rental rate increases. CALGARY.BBB.ORG

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Critter encounter

The Alaska Sealife Center has launched a program called Marine Mammal Encounter, which lets visitors get up close and personal with resident sea lions and harbour seals including Snapper, a 400-plus-pound harbour seal. Guests can participate in a harbour seal training session with the centre's mammalogists. Visit alaskasealife.org. TRAVELALASKA.COM

The sounds of the Marvellous City

LIA HAMA
Metro World News

Tom Jobim and Vinicius de Moraes' *Girl from Ipanema* is probably still the most famous Brazilian song in the world, and the first thing that comes to mind when you are strolling down the beach-front of Rio de Janeiro.

But the city that gave birth to bossa nova and samba has many other musical styles to offer visitors. As well as local pop-rock, hip hop and electronic music and the distinctive favela funk that originates from the shanty towns of Rio, there are many fusions of styles including samba-rock, electro-samba and bossa-jazz.

The seductive sounds of what Brazilians call the



Gafieira Estudiantina in Rio de Janeiro holds 1,500 people.

Cidade Maravilhosa, or perfect soundtrack for a Marvellous City, offer the visit to this vibrant city.

Here's where to go to hear the best music.

Samba

Lapa and Santa Teresa: Traditional samba saw a re-birth in the 1990s in Rio, with the opening of new bars in Lapa, the historical district that's home to the famous aqueduct, Arcos da Lapa.

A rising star intimately linked to this renaissance is Teresa Cristina and Grupo Semente, who perform in the area.

Two good places to see classic artists and new talent in Lapa are Carioca da Gema (Rua Mem de Sá, 79, Lapa, barcariocadagemacom.br) and Democráticus (Rua do Riachuelo, 91, Lapa).

MPB, bossa nova, rock

Circo Voador, Verão da Urca, Oi Noites Cariocas:

A good setting to see MPB (Música Popular Brasileira, or Brazilian Popular Music) and local rock live concerts is Circo Voador (or Flying Circus), an outdoor concert venue on Rua dos Arcos, Lapa (circovoador.com.br).

In summer, the best venue is Verão no Morro, which happens on the mountaintop of Sugar Loaf complex, with a fabulous view of the city (Avenida Pasteur, 520, Praia Vermelha, Urca, morrodauracom.br).

Rock and MPB concerts there attract a well-dressed crowd from Zona Sul (the wealthy area of Rio). (Rua Rodrigues Alves, 10, Centro, oinoitescariocas.oicom.br).

Funk

Favelas: Born in the favelas, Rio's bass-heavy funk is now part of the city's mainstream, attracting wealthy people as well as the favelas' communities. A famous baile (dance or ball) funk which attracts lots of tourists is Castelo das Pedras, in Jacarepaguá. (Estrada de Jacarepaguá, 3600, Rio das Pedras, castelodaspedras.com.br).

Gafieira

Lapa: Rio's old-school dance halls, the gafieiras, were established in the 1920s for the urban working class, but nowadays attract a young, trendy crowd. The most famous one is Gafieira Estudiantina, which opened in 1932, holds 1,500 people. (Praça Tiradentes, 79, Centro).

Unearthing Sri Lanka's sapphires

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No sapphires this time, only a few semi-precious stones that have little resale value.

It's a country of coastlines, religious festivals and tea plantations. Formerly Ceylon, Sri Lanka is home to some 21 million people who rock a lion on their national flag, love spicy curry, and — despite the huge popularity of cricket — boast volleyball as their national sport.

Day two of my weeklong journey finds me travelling from the urban sprawl of Colombo to the green rice paddies of the Sri Lankan countryside. From the comfort of an air-conditioned bus, I watch local life speed past.

Children skip to school in crisp, white uniforms. Women work among vineyards in sugarcane plantations. Men dig around in the muck, searching for unpolished gemstones.

In the Ratnapura region, there are plenty of mining pits, hand-dug by teams of workers on the hunt for precious stones.

Sri Lanka is known as "the island of gems." It has a long history of gem min-

ing and trading, dating back some 2,000 years. "This is one of the best places in the world to buy sapphires," my guide says. I ask if we can stop to check out the mines, then hop out of the bus and descend upon the crew of nine.

Teeth stained red from betelnut (a popular chewing-tobacco-like stimulant), they kindly take me through the gem-mining, or "gemming" process.

With rudimentary machines that sputter and smoke, they dredge for deposits. As with panning for gold, they take a rattan basket and swirl it around, trying to extract the valuable gems from the clay, gravel and sand. This job places them into waist-high water, and knee-deep mud as thick as cement.

As I survey the workers,

many look injured — one has a cut over his eye, another a bloody bandage covering his big toe.

And they only get paid if they find something worth selling. The investor, who gets 50 per cent of any revenue, is the only one allowed to sort through the day's finds. The team watches eagerly as he picks at the gravel. No sapphires this time, only a few mature semi-precious stones with little value.

I have a new appreciation for sapphires, and, more importantly, for those who toil to find them. I'm truly amazed at the blood, sweat and time it takes to get the gem out of the ground and on its way to your jewelry case.

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Entertainment



Ugly guests

Live with Regis and Kelly co-hosts Kelly Ripa and Regis Philbin will appear as themselves on the Sept. 25 premiere of Ugly Betty.

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Traveling Pants gets big cheer

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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

Director: Sanaa Hamri

Stars: America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel

Classification: PG13

Rating: ●●●●

There's a telling, tense scene early in *Sisterhood 2* where America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn and Alexis Bledel gather to renew the ritual of the traveling pants.

The pants (as you would know if you're familiar with the first movie or Ann Brashares's series of novels) miraculously fit all four friends. They pass them off to one another, and stay close at the same time. It's a common bond for the four unlikely but likeable friends as they take separate paths to adulthood.

But hang on — those jeans (and those friendships) appear to be fading fast. The ritual has become tiresome for three of them, and it looks like the BFFs might be DOA.

And so *Sisterhood 2* explores how the foursome handle increasingly adult responsibilities in their ever-separating lives, all the while struggling to maintain their childhood



Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2 opens today.

friendships. There's a lot of life packed in to the four lives. The stories of their lives are intercut, and Hamri generally does a good job of giving each story the right amount of room to push the plot along.

Two of the lead actors really shine: Blake Lively (*Gossip Girl*) is a striking presence, radiating from the screen in every scene she's in. America Ferrera (*Ugly Betty*) seems to have perfected the Cinderella/underdog thing.

At the end of the day, *Sisterhood 2* is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course). In reality, most of us do change and outgrow our childhood friendships. That catchup phone call, e-mail, lunch, or coffee date never comes. *Sisterhood 2* gives us the chance to vicariously stay close to everyone we love.

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The cult of friendship

Groups of friends can feel like sisterhood, author says

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Carmen, Tibby, Bridget, Lena — and you. You don't have to squeeze into the jeans to be part of the Sisterhood.

"The idea of there being four equally weighted protagonists, it makes you feel like you're part of something," Ann Brashares said about the appeal of her bestselling teen series *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. "You're almost part of this group, this sisterhood. It feels communal and welcoming, this governing spirit of a very deep and unconditional friendship."

Brashares, in Toronto recently to promote the movie *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*, believes in bonds. It seems sisters don't have to do it for themselves.

"I think there's always the fantasy of a really great, sustaining friendship. And I've tried to depict that — realistically," Brashares said. "I believe those friendships really do exist. I don't think it's fantasy."

"This is the kind of friendship people want, where it's the kind of friends who are happy when you're happy, and sad when you're sad."

The second *Sisterhood* movie, which opens today, draws from the final three books in the series.



Ann Brashares is the author of the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series.

"I feel like it was a difficult job to pull that together, and that they really managed to do it," Brashares said about *Pants 2*. "I think there are some insights and connections that aren't necessarily in the books. But that was interesting to me."

There may not be another *Sisterhood* movie, but the story lives on. In Janu-

ary, *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows* is scheduled to hit the shelves. In the book, Brashares continues her exploration of women maintaining friendships while growing into separate, individual lives.

But the exploration will be in a familiar context.

"It takes place in the same world as the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

did you know?

- A writer and more: Ann Brashares plays cello at the professional level and has taken pictures for National Geographic.
- She was legally blind as a small child.
- She lists Judy Blume, George Eliot and Marcel Proust among her favourite writers.

books, but there are new characters," Brashares said about *3 Willows*. "There are many, many things that are familiar, even little cameos of old characters. They grew up in the same town, and they are starting the same high school where the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* girls went. And they know of them."

Brashares, who published her first adult novel last year, has no problem revisiting the *Sisterhood* — as long as it's on her terms.

"I don't want to feel like I have to keep going back to the same thing because that's what people want from me," she said. "I want to be able to continue to grow as a writer, to do new things, to try new things."

"And when the spirit moves me to write about a character I've written about before, I want to have the freedom to do that."

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Sequel

The Jonas Brothers are up for a sequel to the movie Camp Rock. "We've been looking into scheduling when we can do that because we've been busy with touring, but we would love to," Joe Jonas, right, said. ew.com



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Giuliana Rancic

Rancic takes agency to court

SUING E! talking head Giuliana Rancic is taking the William Morris Agency to court, PageSix.com reports.

Rancic, who hosts E! News with Ryan Seacrest, is suing her former agency for "breach of contract and fiduciary duty," according to her lawyer, Paul Sorrell. "They put the interests of other clients they had ahead of hers," Sorrell said. "It was a major conflict of interest, so she fired them. She's claiming all money back that she paid them and damages in the millions."

William Morris declined comment. Rancic is now represented by CAA.

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Express rides silliness

Pineapple Express

Director: David Gordon Green

Stars: Seth Rogen, James Franco

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



James Franco, left, and Seth Rogen star in the new comedy Pineapple Express, in theatres today

These days, there likely isn't a much more critic-proof movie than Pineapple Express. Not only is it produced by comedy-king Judd Apatow but it was co-written by and stars Hollywood's favourite pot-smoking court jester, Seth Rogen. Throw in a shoot 'em up and it's a trifecta of silliness that's guaranteed to attract young audiences.

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amidst the chaotic action.

And there is a fair amount of action. Rogen and co-writer Evan Goldberg were heavily inspired by such buddy/action fare as Lethal Weapon and it shows. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works for its unique ability to craft extremely likeable characters that aren't usually portrayed likeable in the movies. Just as they did with their script for Superbad, they do it again here.

Franco is surprisingly enjoyable as the Spicoli-inspired burnout Saul while Danny McBride (Hot Rod) is sure to be crowned this sum-

mer's McLovin, stealing scenes as an indestructible mid-level dealer with shaved armpits. Don't ask.

As with Superbad, Apatow and Rogen have created an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters. Further, they achieved an even more incredible feat: They resurrected Huey Lewis to pen a cool theme song. Who knew he still had it in him? Apparently, they did.

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Weaver may return to Alien

Actress Sigourney Weaver, left, has hinted she may return to her iconic role in a fifth instalment of the Alien franchise. Weaver starred as steely space Lt. Ellen Ripley in the cult sci-fi movies. **IMDb.COM**

Metallica to release new album

Metallica will release its first album in five years worldwide on Sept. 12, the second time the rock band has broken with the industry's custom of a Monday or Tuesday street date.

A posting on Metallica's website, entitled The Last Piece of the Puzzle, did not give a reason for the unusual release date for Death Magnetic.

Albums are usually released on a Tuesday in the North America, where Metallica is signed to Warner Music, and a day

earlier everywhere else. Universal handles the band internationally.

In a last-minute move Metallica's previous album, the commercial disappointment St. Anger, was released a few days earlier than planned, ostensibly to combat piracy.

REUTERS



James Hetfield of Metallica

Black's alter-ego revealed

Former Pixies front man embarks on mini acoustic tour

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada



Pixies leader-gone-solo Black Francis has pulled out his acoustic guitar for a few low-profile gigs to fans in Western Canada.

Reached at a truck stop en route to Oakland, Francis (real name Charles Kittridge Thompson IV) explained that after transitioning back to his pioneering alt-rock persona, he felt the urge to strike out on his own.

"When you walk in on your own two legs, with just a guitar and no-one else, and walk out with a pocketful of cash, you can't retire to the Bahamas, but psychologically, you feel like 'Yeah!'" he said. "It's like you're 14-years-old and you've just finished mowing someone's lawn, and you make a few



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bucks." Black Francis, formerly of the Pixies, is moving away from his rootsy, mellow Frank Black sound to a more id-powered, abrasive style.

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The mini-tour comes a few weeks after Francis opened for the Stone Temple Pilots in arenas like the Hollywood Bowl. Despite the massive shift in venue scale, he doesn't experience much of a mental transition.

"I think playing a small acoustic set can be more nerve-wracking [than a stadium] since you're under the microscope," he said. "I don't think there's much of a headspace change...The things that bum you out are still the same, like the guy you catch yawning."

Francis also recently moved away from the increasingly rootsy, mellow Frank Black back to the id-powered alter-ego that fueled the Pixies. Now two albums into his more abrasive style (2007's Bluefinger and this year's "mini-LP" SVN FNGRS), Francis feels settled.

"[The shift] is more of a continuum. It's a symbolic gesture to the universe or

whoever, and one hopes that gesture is enough to cause change," he said. "I don't try to analyze it much — I do things more on intuition, without a lot of vision...I didn't feel like I could do it again [since I] hadn't been doing it in so long. It feels good."

For folks catching his acoustic sets, Francis will probably play songs written in both personas. He acknowledged his recent material is a little aggressive and band-oriented for an acoustic setting — though he might try it out.

And as if this wasn't enough, Francis has also wrapped up recording the Grand Duchy project with his wife. The album, which he describes as "classic melodic pop...[with] a kind of naïve, rougher edge" is more her vision.

"I don't try to analyze it much — I do things more on intuition."

Musician Black Francis

"We almost had one full-on physical fight in the beginning," said Francis, laughing.

"There was a little period where we were pissing each other off, but we do a lot better now... You need that creative conflict... and there was plenty of that."

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC The Kaiser Chiefs have revealed new details on their forthcoming third album, Off With Their Heads, Ananova.com reports. The followup to 2007's Your's Truly, Angry Mob will be preceded by the first single, Never Miss A Beat. Released on Oct. 6, the single features Lily Allen on backing vocals. **REUTERS**

BOOKS Warner Bros. has acquired rights to the book Drink, Play, F@#K, a comedic male retort to the femme-centric best-seller Eat, Pray, Love. Comedy writer Andrew Gottlieb's book tells the fictional story of Bob Sullivan, a man who, seeking solace after his wife leaves him, travels to Ireland and Las Vegas. **REUTERS**

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Moving on American Idol executive producer Nigel Lythgoe has announced he's leaving Idol to devote his time to a new development with fellow Idol mastermind Simon Fuller. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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The unreal facts of reality TV

THE REAL THING: "I did it because I needed the money," recalls Matt Kennedy Gould, who briefly lived in the queasy glare of reality TV fame when he appeared on Joe Schmo, Spike TV's barely discernible parody of the genre.

"I lived with my parents. I had just dropped out of law school. I was a regular pot smoker. I didn't want to work."

For anyone who's wondered aloud where they find the sort of people who agree to appear on reality TV, now you know.

Entertainment Weekly has a reputation — eminently deserved — for being a bubbleheaded publicity organ, so you have to read their piece on reality TV has-beens like Gould looking back on their often-toxic efflorescence of fame as an inadvertent rebuttal to the most popular complaint directed at reality TV — that it's a stage-managed lie meant to dupe gullible viewers with the appearance of reality.

Well, yes, of course it is, but the EW piece blandly

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confirms that reality TV viewers are blithely aware of all of this, and that speculating on the machinations behind the scenes, while enjoying the ragged morality play happening on the surface, has made reality TV viewing an experience as complex in its way as relaxing into the high-gloss edginess of an HBO drama.

You can't help but smile knowingly when you read Genevieve Deitrick's account of her time spent on the second season of Temptation Island with her fiancé Tony Schmitt.

"The producers really didn't like me too much. I went to college for criminal justice, forensics and ballistics, and you learn about interrogation methods where they deprive

you of sleep, deprive you of food to wear you down, and after the first few days I realized that's what they were doing. We were hungry and it would be hours before we ate, and people's emotions would get high."

Contestants might be deprived of food, but they never lack for drink, according to several of the onetime reality inmates.

"You got gourmet chefs, you got Jacuzzi's, you got all the alcohol you could

"We were hungry and it would be hours before we ate, and people's emotions would be high."

Former Temptation Island contestant Genevieve Deitrick

want," recalls Billie Jeanne Houle, who appeared on Fox's Married By America.

Jennifer Braff, who did time on NBC's Age Of Love as one of the cougars com-

peting for the affection of a younger man against a cohort of young things, recalls the show's reliance on social lubricants.

"You fill out your forms and tell a little about your personality. It said, 'What's your favorite drink?' And I said, 'I can get a little carried away with tequila.' Funny how tequila was always there."

Amanda Habrowski, who goes by the nickname "Ice" apparently, did a season on VH1's Flavor Of Love, and asked the unkind question "Who the hell could fall in love with Flavor Flav?" She was in tears when she left the show, however, but explains that it wasn't about the rejection. "We lived the good life out there. That's why I cried at the end. Everyone's like, 'You didn't even like him!' I'm like, 'I'm leaving a pretty mansion in California! I'm not going to be pampered anymore!' That's why I was crying, man."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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Supernatural

Fans knew Dean's (Jensen Ackles) days were numbered, but he wasn't supposed to go like this. In the gut-wrenching episode "Mystery Spot," Dean is fatally shot while he and Sam (Jared Padalecki) are investigating a man's disappearance. Sam's grief turns to surprise when he wakes up the next day to find his brother alive — but that's only because he's reliving the previous day. 10 PM on 50 SPC



The Baby Borrowers

The idea behind this show was to give young people eager for parenthood a taste of what it's like — in hopes of dissuading them from rushing into it. The series ended last week, but in this new "Town Meeting" episode, those who took part reunite to talk with one another and the producers about the experience and its impact on their lives. Let's hope they learned something. 9 PM on 9 NBC

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Heather Graham is single again after splitting from boyfriend Charles Ferri. The actress, 38, and the club boss had been dating for two years. A source tells People magazine the relationship was "pretty serious." **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Oprah hauls \$385 million

EARNINGS Oprah Winfrey earns a whopping \$385 million US a year.

Simon Cowell banks \$50 million.

David Letterman? \$32 million!

They're among the stars who appear in TV Guide's annual star salary survey, based on information from TV industry insiders and published sources, us-magazine.com reports.

According to TV Guide, Charlie Sheen is the highest-paid comedy star on primetime television, with \$825,000 per episode.

CSI's William Peterson — who is leaving the show this upcoming season — is the highest-paid actor in a prime-time drama, earning \$600,000 per episode.

With \$400,000 an episode, Law & Order: SVU star Mariska Hargitay is the highest-paid actress in a drama. Kyrá Sedgwick takes home \$275,000 per episode of TNT's The Closer, making her top-earning actress on a cable network drama.

Some stars make serious money without appearing on TV at all.

Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, who supplies the voice of lead character Peter Griffin, just signed a deal with Fox that will net him \$100 million through 2012.

And The Simpsons cast — Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith and Hank

Azaria — each earn \$400,000 per episode.

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Sexy Eva ad axed

ADVERTISEMENT Actress Eva Mendes' saucy perfume advertisement for Calvin Klein has been boycotted by several U.S. TV networks, imdb.com reports.

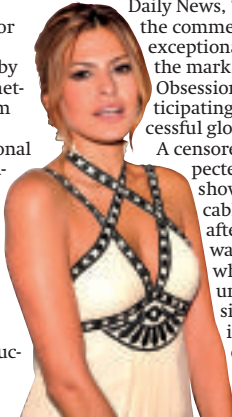
Bosses at national broadcasting stations are refusing to air the commercial for the company's Secret Obsession fragrance, in which the nude star writhes seductively on a bed.

Tom Murry,

president of Calvin Klein Inc., tells the New York Daily News, "We believe the commercial is exceptional and hits the mark for Secret Obsession. We are anticipating a very successful global launch."

A censored clip is expected to be shown on U.S. cable networks after the 9 p.m. watershed, while the unedited version will air in full in other countries.

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celebrity brief

Paris too busy for stage role

THEATRE Socialite Paris Hilton turned down the chance to take to the stage in London's West End, because the play didn't fit in with her schedule, imdb.com reports. The hotel heiress was recently approached to take on the role of Roxie Hart in hit musical Chicago.

But Hilton turned down the part because it meant she would have to endure a gruelling six-day week.

"I was flattered," she said, "but with my schedule, there was no way I could fit it in."

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No fertility help needed

FAMILY Actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are setting the record straight about their newborn babies, Knox and Vivienne, intouchweekly.com reports.

Jolie denies Us Weekly's recent report that she underwent fertility treatments.

"If they had been conceived through IVF, we would have been happy to discuss it," she tells People magazine about the twins, who were born on July 12. "But

we have been fortunate never to have had fertility problems."

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Tori wants hubby in 90210

FAMILY Actress Tori Spelling has launched a bid to land her husband Dean McDermott a guest spot alongside her in the forthcoming Beverly Hills 90210 spinoff, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"Tori asked the producers to find a spot for him, maybe a guest-starring role that could turn into something permanent," a source tells the magazine.

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Shannon denies engagement

RUMOURS Actress Shannon Elizabeth has laughed off reports she is engaged to her former Dancing With The Stars partner Derek Hough, imdb.com reports.

The couple met when the American Pie star was paired up with the dancer to compete in the 2008 series of the talent competi-

tion, in which they came in sixth place.

Star magazine reported last month that their relationship was going so well, Hough had proposed to Elizabeth but she turned him down.

But the 34-year-old claims there is no truth to the speculation, insisting

they are happy as boyfriend and girlfriend.

"There's this whole weird rumour going around," People.com reports. "One of them says that he proposed and I said no, and the other says he proposed and I said yes, and we're getting married. Neither one is true."



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Miley babysitter for Simpson?

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus wants to babysit for Pete Wentz and Ashlee Simpson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star "worships" Simpson — who is expecting her first child with husband Wentz

later this year — and was the first to offer to look after the as-yet-unborn baby.

"I just met your beautiful wife backstage. I worship her — I'll babysit!" Cyrus said to Wentz at a taping of his TV show F'N MTV.

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J.J. SAID IT WOULD!

J.J. Clarke

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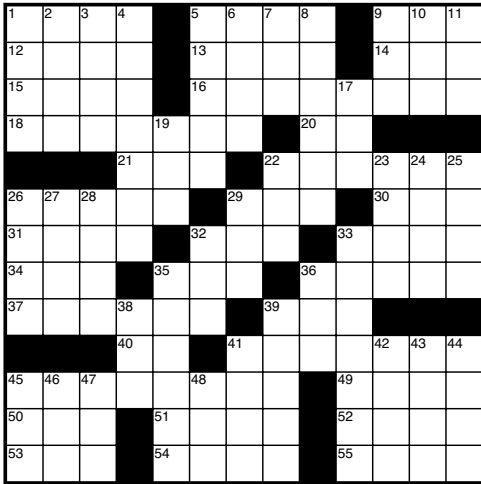
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Editorial debut

Actor Mark Ruffalo is set to make his feature directing debut on the drama *Sympathy for Delicious*. Ruffalo will pull double duty on the film, co-starring along with James Franco and writer-actor Chris Thornton. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Rural sight
- 2 Name in essays
- 3 Romance, to Pedro
- 4 Rags
- 5 Soft-furred pet
- 6 Winged god
- 7 Mag execs
- 8 Fed the furnace
- 9 Famous Khan
- 10 Dawdle
- 11 Bartenders requests
- 17 Wetland area
- 19 Horror-flick street
- 22 Big tub
- 23 Dressy event
- 24 Baha'i origin
- 25 Still-active volcano
- 26 Got older

- 27 Summer-camp site
- 28 Aid and —
- 29 Cosmonaut space lab
- 32 Villain's laugh
- 33 Surfaced
- 35 Tentacle possessors
- 36 Downed a sub
- 38 Canine comment
- 39 Al of Indy fame
- 41 In that case (2 wds.)
- 42 Inner —
- 43 Important mineral
- 44 Dad's sister
- 45 Club stint
- 46 Lyric poem
- 47 Cereal grain
- 48 Runway hazard

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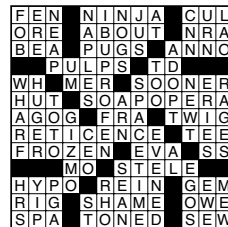
Crossword across

- 1 Great achievement
- 5 Red meat
- 9 Cassius Clay
- 12 — mater
- 13 Pakistani language
- 14 Run around
- 15 Public disorder
- 16 Horse feeders
- 18 Weasel cousins
- 20 — cal
- 21 Ron who played Tarzan

- 22 Carrot or spud
- 26 Beeper
- 29 Ticked off
- 30 Museum contents
- 31 Chitchats
- 32 Bang into
- 33 Vitality
- 34 Just scrape by
- 35 Galley mover
- 36 Freezer name
- 37 Tear off

- 39 Navaho foe
- 40 Gridiron pos.
- 41 Physics topic
- 45 Slackers (hyph.)
- 49 Meditation guide
- 50 Wyo. neighbor
- 51 Work as a model
- 52 Poet's black
- 53 Hear clearly
- 54 Frankenstein's gofer
- 55 Ding a door

previous day's answer



WORDY GURDY



This day in history

AUG. 6, 1914: World War I: Serbia declares war on Germany; Austria declares war on Russia.
AUG. 6, 1926: Gertrude Ederle becomes first woman to swim across the English Channel.
AUG. 6, 1926: Harry Houdini performs his greatest feat, spending 91 minutes underwater in a sealed tank before escaping.
AUG. 6, 1945: World War II: Hiroshima is devastated when an atomic bomb, "Little Boy," is dropped by the United States B-29 Enola Gay. Around 70,000 people were killed instantly, and some tens of thousands died in subsequent years due to burns and radiation poisoning.
AUG. 6, 1962: Jamaica becomes independent.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	3	1	6	9	8	2	5	4
5	6	8	3	2	4	7	1	9
2	4	9	1	7	5	3	8	6
3	1	4	9	6	2	8	7	5
9	8	7	5	1	3	6	4	2
6	2	5	8	4	7	9	3	1
1	7	3	2	5	6	4	9	8
4	9	2	7	8	1	5	6	3
8	5	6	4	3	9	1	2	7

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You'll be taken off guard at a meeting. Someone has made noise too many times. A woman will pretend to be poverty-stricken.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Give compliments to a neglected person. Someone will try to use humour to relieve tension. You'll be unsure about dreams of power.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't fail to measure up to your own wisdom. A connection from the past resurfaces. Somebody wants out of an agreement.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A man's inspiring love is discovered. Don't return to the scene of a crime. Temperature becomes an impediment.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Never mind past troubles; just get on with your life. Attend to your hair and scalp needs. There's nothing worth hearing from a cynic.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Something's got to give in unhappy relationship. Don't intimidate a harmless person just for fun. A sizzling seduction has an impact.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A romantic fling can satisfy while easing anxiety. Avoid meddling. Someone will speak the magic word. Come up with some bright ideas.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Mood related incidents cause heated debates. Co-workers will leave you holding the bag. Refuse to use trickery to get what you want.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Gain an advantage by doing less than expected. A boss needs help with a telephone call. Romance thrives in the evening.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Legal problems involve personality issues. Protect yourself from people who demand too much. Try to be less predictable.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You have nerve, power and talent. Love letters excite ripples of satisfaction. Refuse to be tormented by jealousy.



PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Painful memories are shared with others. A troublesome situation will be to your advantage. A tantrum grates on jagged nerves.



Sudoku

		6				9		
	7	1	2		4	3	6	
8	3						1	4
			1	2	9			
				5				
			7	8	3			
4	9						8	3
	5	2	3		8	6	7	
		8				5		

Under 13: Smart
13-17: Not bad
25+: Keep practising
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Afternoon



60%
Thunderstorms.
21°

Tonight



40%
Showers.
16°

Thursday



60%
Showers.
22° / 15°

Friday



60%
Rain.
22° / 14°

Saturday



Partly cloudy.
22° / 12°



Temperature Normals
High: 26°
Low: 14.5°

Records
High: 35.1°/2001
Low: 7.2°/1942

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Sunset: 8:22 p.m.
Moonrise: 11:59 a.m.
Moonset: 10:25 p.m.

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